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Applicants: Yong-Qian WU et al.

Title: AZA COMPOUNDS, PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF USE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:


The restriction requirement in the Office action mailed November 19, 2003, made a 20 way restriction, which will not be repeated here. Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the following group:

- Group 1, claims 1-4, 7-10 and 48 (part of each), drawn to compounds of formula I, with the following substituents: R_1 is not a ring, and $n = 1-3$; also their pharmaceutical composition and method for affecting neuronal activity.

The election is made with traverse, as a restriction requirement is proper only if examining all groups would pose a serious burden. Here, according to the evidence and explanation, however, a serious burden is absent. Indeed, this action is not the first. A substantive action was made, which means the subject matter has already been examined. Thus, the restriction is improper and should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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